

people. They might as well admit it rather than keeping on with this rhetoric this evening.

#### BIPARTISANSHIP

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I think we ought not to try to do, I mean, I do not mind it if somebody wants to argue on one side of the issue or on the other side of the issue, but you really ought not to try to argue on both sides of the issue.

The gentleman from New Jersey just stood up and said we did not pass a Medicare prescription drug bill. Perhaps he ought to check C-SPAN. I just finished watching a press conference of his leader, Mr. GEPHARDT, and the Senate leader, Mr. DASCHLE. The gentleman from Missouri was reviewing the bipartisan legislation that the Democrats were instrumental in passing. Now, we were pleased that five Democrats joined with us, they were the difference in the majority, in passing a Medicare prescription drug measure off the floor of the House. But the gentleman from Missouri just took credit for that prescription drug measure passing the House, saying that is evidence of their bipartisan nature.

Come on. Figure it out. One side or the other. But do not be on both sides of your mouth.

#### A FAILED CONGRESS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that we have spent 2 years here, 2 years; and the majority in this House that told us the trains were going to run on time, the train has crashed into the barrier here because they have not been able to have the trains run on time.

We did pass in this House a bipartisan bill for a Patients' Bill of Rights. We passed a bipartisan bill for campaign finance reform. We have bipartisan agreement on common sense gun safety legislation. We could have done something about a Medicare prescription drug benefit where all of our seniors were covered. The very fact of the matter is that the Republican leadership of this House is in the pocket of the special interests, refuses to pass any of this legislation, could not pass all of their appropriations bills, cannot get a budget off the ground, and do not know what to do to get out of here. They do not have a program; and if they had a program, they cannot get themselves organized to get it passed in this body. A failed Congress by any sense of the imagination.

#### WHO IS WORKING?

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Let me see if I have got this straight. The Democrats are complaining because we have not gotten our work done, but we are supposed to work out a compromise with the President and the minority. We are here working; we are here in Washington working.

That is right here. The minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), is over here in Missouri; and the President is out in Beverly Hills, California, campaigning. Who do you think is trying to get their work done?

#### WHO IS HERE?

(Mr. RANGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to share with the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) that he better not start labeling people who are not on the floor. I am too civil to get involved in the so-called Republican leaders that are not with us this evening, and so I will not engage in that.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. RANGEL. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I think they are here. Would you like for us to go get them for you?

Mr. RANGEL. I do not know whether I saw the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS) here. Did you see him here today? Because he did not vote.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. His father just died. That may not count. I do not know.

Mr. RANGEL. Is my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAZIO), here?

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Is he in leadership?

Mr. RANGEL. I thought he was part of the whip organization.

#### EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier it was described that there is just one little water bill to pass in the Congress, so why waste our time. That was stated by the minority appropriations senior member. The little water project described is the Everglades funding, a national park that we all have responsibility for.

So I would suggest as Congress convenes tomorrow at 9 o'clock, we have a chance, a majority Congress by Repub-

licans, to pass one of the most comprehensive environmental bills in probably my lifetime and my term in Congress. So I think coming back tomorrow is indeed appropriate. I hope some of the other Members show up for the vote because the most important vote they will get to cast this year involves a national park, not a Florida park, Everglades National Park.

I commend this Congress, our leaders, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW), and others who have brought this bill to the floor, Senator SMITH from the Senate who has ushered that bill to our Chamber. And I am delighted and will be proud as a Floridian to cast that important vote tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

I urge my colleagues to return from campaigns and vote with us on the Everglades.

#### A DO-NOTHING CONGRESS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am glad we are going to vote on the WRDA bill tomorrow. Why did we not vote on it in September or July or June? This Congress has been a do-nothing Congress. I am amazed. I have the Governor of my State going around the country saying he is going to bring Democrats and Republicans together, he is going to bring us together. I just wish he would bring the Senate Republicans and the House Republicans together, because here we had an agreement to leave. I do not like to have lame-duck sessions. I want people who are elected and have to answer to the voters here. But now we are here to cast one vote, and tomorrow maybe one or two votes.

I wish Governor Bush would get the Senate Republicans and the House Republicans together before they want to talk to us Democrats, and maybe we can get something done for the American people.

#### FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2000

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I would like to give thanks to my colleagues for the continued work that we are having and making on the Family Opportunity Act of 2000, H.R. 4825. This Family Opportunity Act is important for families. It allows families to stay together when they may have a child that is born with a severe medical problem.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4825 also helps parents who have the opportunity to work without fearing the loss of Medicaid services for their disabled child instead